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SUBJ: IMCO: MARITIME SATELLITE CONFERENCE, SITREP 12

1. PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US, USSR, UK, FRANCE, FRG, GDR, NORWAY AND JAPAN TOOK PLACE NIGHT OF MAY 7-8 WITH OBJECTIVE OF PRODUCING AGREED UPON LANGUAGE FOR CONFERENCE REPORT ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY, 1-2 AGREEMENTS, ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL RELATIONSHIP AND PROCUREMENT POLICY. GROUP, WHICH STARTED MEETING AT 8 P.M., APPEARED WELL ON WAY TO ACHIEVING BROAD AGREEMENT, WHEN AT 4:30 A.M., SOVIETS DISOWNED PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WITH US ON LANGUAGE CONCERNING GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY AND 2 AGREEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS, AND THEREUPON EFFORTS TO PRODUCE UNIFIED TEXT BROKE UP.

SOVIETS REVERTED TO POSITION TAKEN AT OUTSET OF CONFERENCE, I.E. THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST ASSUME FULL LIABILITY FOR ACTIVITIES OF DESIGNATED ENTITY.

2. ACTIVITY OF PLENARY ON MAY 8, WHICH WAS HELD IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF FOREGOING, WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO RECAPULATION OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED POSITIONS ON THESE
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FOUR VITAL ITEMS WITH NO BROAD AREAS OF CONSENSUS

EMERGING. PLENARY ATTENTION THEN TURNED TO DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-ON WORK. IMCO SYG INDICATED FEB. 1976 AS IMCO PREFERENCE FOR RESUMED SESSION OF CONFERENCE, WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE WIDE SUPPORT IN PLENARY. INDIA PROPOSED TWO PHASED INTERSESSIONAL WORK: FIRST PHASE WOULD INVOLVE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF MAJOR SHIPPING COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL MAJOR INVESTORS TO RESOLVE FOUR BASIC ISSUES MENTIONED PARA 1 ABOVE; SECOND PHASE WOULD INVOLVE ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO DRAFT REVISED PROVISIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON BASIS OF AGREEMENTS REACHED AT FIRST PHASE TO

PRESENT TO FEBRUARY CONFERENCE. WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF FRANCE, INDIA, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, USSR AND US ESTABLISHED TO DRAFT PROPOSAL TO PLENARY ON THIS BASIS. WORKING GROUP'S REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY PLENARY AT FINAL SESSION ON MAY 9.

3. PLENARY MET EVENING MAY 8 TO (1) COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLE ISSUES BEFORE CONFERENCE, AND (2) CONSIDER FOUR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY USSR AND SEVEN OTHER DELS. UNDER ITEM 1, CHAIRMAN INVITED COMMENT ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND ENTITIES AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEM OF TWO AGREEMENTS. THERE WAS NO COMMENT OTHER THAN INTRODUCTION BY NORWAY OF ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION OF RELATIONSHIP, AND CANADIAN QUESTION, DEFERRED BY CHAIRMAN UNTIL MAY 9, REGARDING INSTRUCTIONS TO ANY INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON FORMAT FOR PRESENTING DRAFT ARTICLES ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

4. USSR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS COVERED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM AND CREATION OF AN ORGANIZATION, INTERSESSIONAL WORK, AND A RESUMED CONFERENCE. FORMER TWO WERE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER INTERVENTIONS BY NETHERLANDS, FRG AND SWEDEN ARGUING RESOLUTIONS WERE PREMATURE AND STATED MORE THAN CONFERENCE HAD ACCOMPLISHED. LATTER TWO WERE DEFERRED BY CHAIRMAN FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER REPORT OF WORKING GROUP, ESTABLISHED DURING AFTERNOON SESSION, ON SCHEDULING AND NATURE OF INTERSESSIONAL WORK.
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